

SENATE No. 384

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Barrett

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to increase voter participation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Michael J. Barrett

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Third Middlesex

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By Mr. Barrett, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 384) of Michael J. Barrett for legislation to increase voter participation. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act to increase voter participation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 178, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,
3 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

4 Section 178. Employees who do not have sufficient time outside of their regular working
5 schedule to vote in a statewide or federal election, shall be afforded by their employer up to two
6 hours of working time, without loss of pay, to vote. An employer may require an employee
7 voting during working time to take such time at the beginning or end of the employee's regular
8 working shift. An employee taking time off to vote shall give their employer at least two days
9 notice. Every employer shall clearly post in the place of work where it can be seen by
10 employees a notice setting forth the provisions of this section.